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ARMY UNIT UNABLE TO GET AUTO PERIODICALS;
PARTS, GAS, LUBRICANTS SCARCE

SOVIET OFFICER MAKES COMPLAINT -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 94, 20 Apr 50

Yu. Polyanovskiy, a Guards lieutenant, writes to Krasnaya Zvezda:

"I command a training unit. It is obvious that if I am to train my subordinates in automotive technology, I must myself keep abreast of the latest developments in this field. However, I have been unable to do this. Neither the city bookstore nor the military store has received a single book about automobiles in the past 2 years. My attempts to obtain this literature from the Moscow Military Bookstore have also failed.

"As regards periodicals, this situation is even worse. There are only two magazines on this subject published in the USSR -- Automobile and Automobile Industry. Automobile Industry is now called Automobile and Tractor Industry, as of the April edition/. These magazines contain much material of interest and value to me. Unfortunately, however, we have been unable to use them. It has been impossible to obtain these periodicals either through official channels or by private subscription. The Rayon Communications Section also will not accept subscriptions for these periodicals.

"In my opinion, it is time our military publishers took an interest in this situation."

TRUCKS IDLE FOR LACK OF PARTS -- Zarya Vostoka, No 63, 24 Mar 50

The truck park of the Tkibugol' Trust has a large collection of trucks, but its garage can accommodate only 23 vehicles; the rest are kept in the open. The garage has few skilled workers and insufficient tools. Seventy percent of the trucks are always under capital or current repair. Last year the park received 18 ZIS-150 trucks of which only four or five are still in operation; the rest are standing idle for lack of spare parts.

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CANNOT OBTAIN FAN BELTS FOR ZIS-150 -- Moskovskaya Pravda, No 35, 31 Mar 50

Yu. Berger, senior engineer of the Dormostmekhanizatsiya (Road and Bridge Mechanization) Trust, complains that it is virtually impossible to obtain rubber fan belts for the ZIS-150 truck. The Mosavtotekhsnab (Moscow Automobile Technical Supplies) Trust has failed within the past year to deliver a single belt to his organization, which has about 40 ZIS-150 trucks. Fan belts are sold in the store of the Moskhimshyt (Moscow Chemical Products Sales Office), its only store in the whole city, but they are rarely available and are sold only two to a customer.

TRUCKS LACK GAS, LUBRICANTS -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 73, 26 Mar 50

Many kolkhozes in Abrenskiy Rayon, Latvian SSR, including the Novyy Put' Agricultural Artel, have received trucks. But what are they supposed to do for fuel and lubricants? We have tried the Rayon Consumers' Union and the Rayon Executive Committee, but without success. Where are kolkhozes to get fuel and lubricants for their trucks? -- V. Yakovlev, Bookkeeper, Novyy Put' Artel

PLANT ELIMINATES DAMAGE TO TRUCK PARTS -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 77, 31 Mar 50

Every vehicle produced by the Gor'kiy Automobile Plant imeni Molotov consists of over 10,000 parts. In moving from one machine tool to another and from shop to shop, many parts get lost or damaged. To improve the situation, the chrome-plating brigade has assumed responsibility for the safe arrival of parts to their destination. They have devised a rating plate system which identifies the origin and route of each part. As a result, not a single one of 300,000 parts has been lost or damaged in the course of a whole month.

SAVES METAL FOR AUTO PARTS -- Trud, No 78, 1 Apr 50

At the Chkalov Avtozapaschast', the automatics division of the radiator shop has just produced parts for 800 radiators from metals saved.

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